

Scouting in Runnymede

Cubs Big Splash



On the last Saturday in January, over 100 Runnymede Cub Scouts descended on Windsor swimming pool for the first District Cub activity of 2009, the "Cubs Big Splash". We had the whole leisure pool to ourselves and spent just over an hour making the most of all the slides, rapids, water cannon and the wave machine. It was great to see so many Cubs in the same place, swimmers and non swimmers, having a fun time, and it was a great start to the 2009 calendar.

Steve Valiant – Assistant District Commissioner (Cub Scouts)

Runnymede Scout Shop

Runnymede online Scout shop is now up and running with a small stock of Beaver, Cub and Scout uniforms. Plus I now stock woggles. As sales grow I intend to broaden the stockholding to include publications / certificates etc, these are currently available to order. Please pass on the online details to your parents- www.runnymedescouts.org.uk/shop.php and remember the more orders placed via this system the more your group can earn at the end of the year.

If you have any suggestions or ideas of what you would like me to stock please feel free to contact me directly at anytime on 07891 967363

Andy Sainsbury – Brown, Deputy District Commissioner

Training Talk

Anyone who is interested in passing on their Scouting Knowledge by becoming a Tutor on any of the County run courses (either for the indoor courses or the nights away courses), please contact me and I will pass their name onto the appropriate person in the County team.

Remember that all training course dates are on the District website or you can contact me directly.

Penny Lympny



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Treasury Notes

At the District Executive Committee meeting in January the District budget for the year 2009-10 was approved and it was agreed that the District subscription should be increased by 35p. The County subscription has gone up by 15p, so the total subscription for the year will be £32 per head; this represents an increase of 1.6% on the current year. The breakdown is:

	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08
HQ	19.10	19.10	19.10
County	4.75	4.60	4.60
District	8.15	7.80	7.30
Total	£32.00	£31.50	£31.00

Invoices have been sent to Group Treasurers for payment **by Thursday 2 April 2009**. If any Group anticipates a problem in meeting this deadline, please let me know NOW.

Richard Mason - District Treasurer

Global Conservation Badge

We started working towards this badge at our Summer Camp last year, when the tree wardens of Windsor Park showed us how they care for the ancient trees on the Estate, and we learned all about bats and made bat boxes to encourage them into our gardens.



Since then we have gathered and then planted all sorts of tree seeds in pots made from recycled pop bottles (ready to plant our own forest!), done some maintenance and pruning of the plants in the grounds of our HQ and this week we started to make bird feeders to feed the birds in our gardens – all the more necessary while there is snow on the ground. The feeders are made from a hefty log with a deep hole cut out and a mesh of sturdy wire to hold and enclose the peanuts.

Mary Halls – Cub Scout Leader, 1st Egham Hythe Scout Group

Cub Scout Cooking Competition

Sunday afternoon 22nd February saw seven teams of Cub Scouts assemble in the hall of 1st/4th Addlestone Scout Group Headquarters. Their task was to prepare, cook and serve a main course (in one hour) using a selection of pre-set ingredients.

Judging was carried out by two members of the District Scout Fellowship, in three stages. Preparation, cooking and cleaning up, under subheadings of hygiene, team work, presentation, and taste. The Cubs were also watched by two Scouters from Surrey County.

After much deliberation and only ten marks separating top from bottom, the results were as follows, with a three way tie for 3rd place, 5th Addlestone came second, and 1st /4th Addlestone Lions 'C' coming 1st with 87/100 points.

The certificates were awarded by Jan Jobson Assistant County Commissioner (Cub Scouts), who invited the winning team to enter a County Cooking competition later in the year.



Winning Team from left to right (Jan Jobson behind)
Ben L, Elizabeth W, Harrison G, Frazer H

Presentation of Awards



Richard Mason and David Kelly receiving their Medal of Merit from Tricia Griffin - Deputy County Commissioner

1st Egham Hythe Snow Cubs

Well, it snowed on Monday and more was promised overnight, so I emailed all the parents to 'Be Prepared' in best Scouting tradition....Coats, gloves, scarves, hats and wellies were all compulsory Cub attire for Tuesday evening, because we were going out to have some fun.

And it was fun. We built castles, snowmen, and learned a little of Norwegian Winter hospitality when Tone taught us how to make snow lanterns to light the path to your home...Make a heap of snowballs and build them into a hollow pyramid. Light a candle and put it inside the pyramid and it shines and sparkles to welcome your friends.



Angels with dirty faces

On Monday 2nd February cubs from 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack were lucky to be given the chance to play out in the best snow we have seen in 20 years. As we opened the back door of our HQ we were met with the sight of the whole field covered in 6" of untouched snow. The cubs didn't need a second ask – they were off to build the biggest snowman, the best snow angel and the biggest snowball to chuck at us leaders!

After an hour or so out in the cold we retired to the hall for soup, bread and cakes and a chance to reflect on the best Monday evening of free entertainment ever!



Eleanor G with a soup smile



3 snow angels - work in progress

Gareth Jenkins

Cub Scout Leader – 1st/4th Addlestone Tigers Cub Pack

1st Ottershaw Beavers meet Santa!

On a wet day in December, 12 members of 1st Ottershaw Beavers plus 4 adults joined other Beaver Scouts and Cub Scouts to visit Mizens' railway for the annual Santa Special.

It was to be a special occasion for one Beaver Scout in particular, as he was due to receive his Queen's Scout Bronze award from Santa Claus, of all people!

Ben J had worked very hard during the year to complete all the Challenges before he reached Cub Scout age.

The Beavers and their helpers boarded the train and halfway around, the train pulled up at a barn where Santa was waiting for Ben.

As you can see from the picture below, Ben was one very proud Beaver Scout!



Lynn Alden (Kingfisher), Beaver Scout Leader, 1st Ottershaw Beaver Colony

Runnymede District Diary 2009

March

Sun 1 st	First Response Course -Ext
Sat 7 th & Sun 8 th	County Explorer Night Challenge
Mon 9 th	Fellowship meeting
Wed 11 th	Appointments Committee.
Sat 14 th	District Swimming Gala
Fri 20 th	Fellowship Skittles
Sat 28 th	Scouts Day Prowl

April (School Easter Holiday Sat 4th to Sun 19th)

Fri 3 rd to	Explorer Scouts – Michael
Sun 5 th	Patrick Challenge
Sun 5 th	Cubs Big Day Out
Sun 5 th	Beaver Rambleabout
Tue 21 st	Scouts Leaders meeting
Tue 21 st	St. Georges Day Parade Flag Rehearsal
Thr 23 rd	Fellowship St. Georges Dinner
Sun 26 th	District St. Georges Day Parade and Service.

May (School Half Term 25th to 29th)

Mon 4 th	Ottershaw May Fair
Thr 7 th	Leader Training – Getting Started
Fri 8 th to Sun 10 th	Scout Standing Camp.
Sat 9 th	Cubs Football Competition
Sun 10 th	First Response course
Mon 11 th	District Executive meeting
Wed 13 th	Fellowship meeting
Sun 17 th	Michael Patrick Challenge (District Event)
Tue 19 th	ADC's / GSL's meeting
29 th /31 st	District Beaver Sleepover

June

Fri 5 th to Sun 7 th	Sixer & Seconders Camp
Wed 10 th	Appointments Committee
Sat 13 th	Beaver Scouts Bazzaz
Wed 17 th	District AGM

July (School Holiday Starts 22nd)

Fri 3 rd	Scouts Football Competition
Sat 4 th	Beaver Scouts Fun Day
Wed 8 th	GSL's meeting.
Sun 12 th	Cubs Summer Hike
Mon 20 th	District Executive meeting

August (School Summer Holidays)

Sun 2 nd	Leaders Teddy Bears Picnic
Fri 14 th to 23 rd or	K9 to Kanderstag
Fri 21 st to 30 th	

September (School term starts 2nd)

Mon 7 th	Fellowship meeting
Tue 8 th	Scout Leaders meeting
Wed 9 th	Appointments Committee
Wed 16 th	ADC's / GSL's meeting
Sat 19 th	First Response Course - Ext
Wed 23 rd	District Planning for 2010
Sat 26 th	Cub and Scouts Fishing Competitions
Mon 28 th	Leader Training – Getting Started

October (School half term 26th to 30th)

Fri 2 nd to Sun 5 th	Scouts Rats3 (or Interlink)
Fri 9 th to Mon 12 th	Fellowship weekend away
Sun 11 th	Cub Scouts Craft Competition
Mon 12 th	District Executive meeting

November

Mon 2 nd	Fellowship meeting
Wed 4 th	ADC's meeting
Sun 8 th or 15 th	District Remembrance Parade
Wed 11 th	Group Scout Leaders meeting
Sat 14 th	Cub Scouts Big Bang
Fri 20 th	Scout Night Hike
Mon 17 th	Group Scout Leaders meeting
Sun 22 nd	Beaver Scout Badge Day

December

Mon 7 th	Explorers Bowling Competition
Tue 8 th	Beavers & Cub Scouts Christingle Service
Wed 9 th	Appointments Committee
Fri 11 th	Fellowship Christmas Dinner – TBC

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